

## STATE ELECTION OCCURS TUESDAY

Candidates to be Voted on From Lowest to Highest Offices.

## GOVERNOR'S RACE CLOSE

Columbus Will Have Two Precincts, North and South Sides.

On next Tuesday the people of Mississippi will be called upon to exercise the highest function of citizenship, that of the elective franchise. Candidates will be voted on from the highest to the lowest offices within their gift, and to those elected will be entrusted the administration of public affairs for the next four years.

The most important selection to be made in the state is that of a governor. This contest promises to be one of the closest ever held in Mississippi. There are five candidates in the gubernatorial race to divide the votes.

There will be two voting precincts in this city, one at the court house for North Columbus voters, and the other at Dowdle's Cabinet Works, on College street, for South Columbus voters.

The official ballot to be used here contains the names of 72 candidates, including 31 state candidates, 2 for district attorney, 26 for county offices, and 13 for beat offices.

The following gentlemen will be in charge of the election in this city:

District No. 2—North Columbus Messrs. W. B. Harris, S. J. R. Richards, judges; on the 1st B. K. Sessums, C. H. D. 1915, clerks. South Columbus, Messrs. James McCaskill, D. D. son, W. M. Clark, judges; G. H. Curtis and J. E. Swamy, clerks.

### Vote for Taylor.

Dr. J. P. Taylor, of Winona, who has many friends in Columbus, is among the leading candidates for the office of state treasurer, and the voters of this county are asked to consider his name when they go to the polls Tuesday. Dr. Taylor is thoroughly familiar with the state banking laws, and the duties of state treasurer, and if elected he will conserve the interests of the state through this office.

LOST:—A crucifix, with initials, "L. I. B." on same. Finder will please return to this office.

Mr. C. J. Moore, who is well known in this city, is in the race for state revenue agent and will make a good officer if elected.

"Mr. Henry can always be depended on to support interests of policy-holders and public against loose, bad practices of attempts at overreaching."—Joseph Button, Ins. Com. Virginia and Ex-Pres. Nat. Con.

Prof. and Mrs. P. W. Berry and son, of Camden, Madison county, spent several days the past week here the guests of Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Berry. They returned home yesterday in their car, and were accompanied by Mrs. P. L. Berry who will be their guests for some time.

The United Charities will hold a meeting Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the First Methodist church. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. C. C. Downey and little son spent the past week with relatives in Millport, Ala.

## BECKER PUT TO DEATH; DENIES GUILT UNTIL LAST

Former New York Police Lieutenant Leads Way to Own Execution.

Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker, former czar of New York's tenderloin and once the most feared official of that city's police force, was electrocuted in Sing Sing prison today for the murder of Herman Rosenthal.

Becker went to the chair protesting his innocence. Even as he was being strapped to the instrument of death, the doomed man leaned close to the Rev. Father Curry, one of the two priests who accompanied him, and whispered: "Father, bear this message to my wife and friends. I am not guilty by deed or conspiracy or in any other way of the death of Herman Rosenthal. I am sacrificed for my friends."

Becker entered the death chair at 5:42 o'clock and at 5:55 he was dead, having paid the penalty for his crime in the same chair in which the four young gunmen, the actual slayers of Rosenthal, were executed fifteen months ago.

A little more than an hour before he went to his doom, a dying statement which Becker had written, was made public. In this statement the former police lieutenant made emphatic declaration of his innocence and paid his final tribute to his loyal and devoted wife who has spent the past three years fighting for her husband's life.

## PICKENS COUNTY FARMER IS KILLED BY M. AND O.

Louis St. John Meets Death While Walking Along Track.

Mr. Louis St. John, a well known planter of Pickens county, Ala., was run over and killed by a Mobile & Ohio freight train near Delmarville, about 25 miles east of Columbus, Thursday night.

Mr. St. John, who is rather deaf walking along the railroad track and did not know the train was approaching.

The deceased was 45 years of age, and is survived by a wife and several children.

The funeral was held Friday morning near Delmarville conducted by Rev. J. H. Springfield.

### Negro Girl Drowned.

Aberdeen, Miss., July 30.—Mary Etta Walker, a negro girl, 20 years old, was drowned here last evening in the Tombigbee river. A crowd of negro girls were in swimming when the Walker girl stepped off over her head, and not knowing how to swim, was drowned before anyone could reach her. Her body was found by A. G. Webb, by dragging the river with hooks.

Mrs. Bettie Winston, of Millport, Ala., is the guest of Mrs. J. T. Stephenson on College street. Mrs. Winston has been in poor health for several months and she hopes the visit here will be beneficial.

Miss Sue May Curtis left last week for New Orleans, where she expects to go in training to be a nurse. Her many friends here wish her success and happiness in her new endeavor.

Messrs. J. J. Langdon and G. S. Harper, of Reform, Ala., are spending tea days at Kolola Springs.

Read the "want ads."

## GOVERNOR BREWER MAKES STATEMENT

Tells to the People of Mississippi What Should Be Known.

## CAN PROVE HIS CHARGES

States He Intends to "Tear Mask Off of Hypocrisy in Plain English Language."

Stating that he intended to "tear the mask off of hypocrisy in plain English language," Governor Earl Brewer has issued the following sensational statement:

"My Fellow Citizens—Some time since I told you in a public speech that Bilbo had received \$100 from Vardaman's committee, announcing that there was nothing in the election of Vardaman to the senate for him, and unless Vardaman's friends would do something for him he would desert their ranks at the very minute Senator Vardaman needed him most. I told you if you had any doubt about this to write to Maj. John Armstrong and many people wrote him and he replied that I told you the truth. Now since this letter came out from Maj. Armstrong there has been much fraud and hypocrisy and deceit practiced by Bilbo and his satellites to deceive the public. Now I am going to strip the mask off of it a little further and give you a little more plain English about it. I am going to tell you that they paid him the money. Vaughn Watkins, chairman of the Vardaman campaign committee, drew the \$100 out of the bank, out of the funds of the committee and wrote on the stub of the check the words, 'For God knows what,' and turned the money over to John Armstrong to pay it to Bilbo. Now, I don't get this information from John Armstrong. I get it from other and reliable sources. Mr. Watkins is a truthful gentleman and I do not believe will lie about it. I make this charge straight from the bat, and I promise Mr. Watkins if he does deny it I will prove it. Now, Bilbo in his letter dodges the issue. Dr. Ward in his letter dodges the issue. He does not deny that he had a conversation with Armstrong, just as Armstrong said he did, but tries to mislead you by other prejudicial matter he injects into his reply. If you have doubts about Armstrong having had the conversation with him, just as Armstrong says he did, write to Charlie Waite, who formerly worked in the Kelly drug store at Winona, and who was present when the conversation was had between Armstrong and Dr. Ward. I am solvent. If I misstate the facts against Mr. Bilbo I am liable to damages for it, and I make this statement advisedly appreciating this. I now charge that he double-crossed Vardaman in the campaign and made Vardaman's friends shake down \$100 to keep him from deserting at the most crucial hour. If the statement is untrue, let him sue me for it. I invite the suit. I will prove it. What do you think of this for gubernatorial timber?"

"In saying that I do not quote Armstrong and that I did not get my information from him, I don't mean to cast any reflection upon his integrity, for I tell you I have known Armstrong since he was a boy and know all his numerous family, and I never knew one of them that wasn't a gentleman and thoroughly reliable. But I mean to say that I had inside information about this matter without getting it from Armstrong, and I mean to say straight from the bat that Bilbo got the money and that when he was before the grand jury, sworn to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, he never mentioned it."

## HIGHWAY MAY BE BUILT TO VERNON

Commissioners Held Meeting on the State Line Thursday.

## WANT ROADS IMPROVED

Lamar County Recently Voted Bond Issue of \$150,000 for Road Work.

Road commissioners and other citizens of Lowndes county, and Lamar county, Ala., held an important meeting on the State line about 15 miles northeast of Columbus Thursday and the matter of connecting the lately improved Military road leading out of the city with a direct route from Vernon, Ala., was discussed.

The commissioners of this district agreed to extend the good road from this city five miles further provided the Alabamians will build a highway from Vernon to the State line. This will leave five miles of unimproved road on this route in this county, but the local commissioners stated that they were certain that bonds for the remainder of the work would soon be issued.

There are two proposed routes and the commissioners are yet undecided as to whether the improved road will be built to join the Military road at the State line or to connect with the Military Springs road north of Caldonia.

At a recent election held in Lamar county a bond issue of \$150,000 was authorized for the improvement of the roads in that county. It is expected that the Alabama authorities will at once begin the improvement of the roads in Lamar county, as \$75,000 of the bonds have already been sold.

## WELL KNOWN VETERAN GOES TO FINAL REWARD

Captain F. W. Flood Passed Away Yesterday Morning—Funeral Today.

After a long and useful life, Captain F. W. Flood, nearly 85 years of age, passed away at his home one mile northwest of Columbus yesterday morning about 10 o'clock. Funeral services will be held at Piney Grove cemetery northeast of Columbus at 9 o'clock this morning conducted by Rev. W. C. Galceran. The member of the local Masonic lodge, of which Capt. Flood was a member, will be present in a body.

The deceased had been in bad health for several months, and his death, while expected, was a sad blow to his loved ones and friends.

During the Civil war Captain Flood was a captain of the 8th Confederate Cavalry, and was a gallant and faithful soldier. For sixteen years past he has been justice of the peace in this city and has made an efficient and painstaking officer. He was a consistent member of the Christian church and lived a conscientious and upright life.

He leaves a devoted wife and many friends to mourn his demise.

Mr. A. B. Smith, of Aberdeen, spent Friday and Saturday here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Simms.

See us before you buy a home we have some ideal homes and lots for sale at bargain prices. Winston Realty Co.

Vote for C. J. Moore.

## CITY WILL FIGHT ORDINANCE CASE

Motion is Made by Attorney Sykes to Have Injunction Dissolved.

## HEARING HERE AUGUST 5

Matter Will Be Discussed Before Chancellor A. Y. Woodward Thursday.

Gen. E. T. Sykes, the city attorney, has returned from Louisville, Miss., where he went before Chancellor A. Y. Woodward in the interest of the matter of the recent injunction brought against the City of Columbus by local citizens who object to the traffic ordinance passed several weeks ago requiring all vehicles to go to the end of a block in order to make a turn.

A motion has been filed by the city through Gen. Sykes to have the injunction dissolved.

A hearing will be held here next Thursday, August 5, by Chancellor Woodward.

### Open Bolls Received.

The first open cotton bolls of the season to be received by the Commercial were brought here Thursday by Mr. Rowan Dashiell, a prominent young planter of the prairie. Mr. Dashiell has about one hundred acres of the prettiest cotton in this section, and all his crop is nearly head high. Open bolls were also found the past week on Mr. Carey Cocke's plantation west of Columbus.

## Norma Talmadge at the Princess Monday, and a Paramount Tuesday.

The attraction at the Princess for Monday is captivating little Norma Talmadge, with 15 other Vitaphones, in Vitaphone Broadway Star feature in 3 reels, "The Criminal," a masterful production, in which "Little Norma" is given unlimited scope for her dainty art, and you will agree that she scores heavily.

E sanay offers John Lorenz and Warda Howard in "The Inner Brute," a powerful drama in 2 reels.

Excellent music by Princess orchestra. Admission 5 and 10c.

The attraction for Tuesday, August 3rd, is a Paramount feature, Sessie Lasky, in association with David Belasco, presents the international star, Blanche Sweet, in "The Warrens of Virginia," a magnificent photo-play spectacle of love and war. The supporting cast includes such stars as "House" Peters, Mabel Van Buren and over 500 others. The admission for Tuesday, 5 and 15c.

Note—"The Warrens of Virginia" ran for two seasons at the Belasco Theatre, New York.

### Rev. Sykes Here Today.

Rev. J. Lundy Sykes, of Aberdeen, who is well known in Columbus, will conduct holy communion and services at St. Paul's Episcopal church this morning at 11 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Sunday school will be held at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

"From several years close experience with Insurance Commissioner Henry I have learned to have the highest respect for his ability and industry."—H. L. Ekern, Ins. Com'r Wisconsin and Ex-Pres. Nat. Con.

Mr. Lucius Lide, who is now representing H. Gamse and Bro., of Baltimore, has been spending the past several days in Columbus with homefolk.

## TWO BLUEJACKETS KILLED BY SNIPERS AT HAITI

United States Will Retain Military Control of Negro Republic.

Washington, July 30.—Two American bluejackets were killed last night in an attack by natives on Port au Prince, Haiti, held by Rear Admiral Caperton with 400 men from the cruiser Washington. The attacking party was beaten off and order was maintained in the city itself. No sailors were wounded and the loss of the attackers was not reported.

The dead are: William Gompers, seaman, of Brooklyn, and Carson S. Whitehead, ordinary seaman, of Norfolk.

Reinforcements had been ordered to Haiti before word of the fighting was received. The battleship Connecticut will sail from Philadelphia tomorrow with 500 marines and the navy transport Hancock, at Philadelphia will also go, it is said, although it is not known what force she will take.

### Crowd Enjoys Barbecue.

Mr. Collier Hardy sustained a reputation that the prairie people have for hospitality, when he entertained more than two hundred friends with a barbecue at his plantation Friday.

Trap shooting throughout the day was an enjoyable feature, Mr. Key, the state champion shooter being among those present. The dinner was served on long tables and consisted of the most delicious viands to be found.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Gist of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Morton, that former Columbus player, won another game for Cleveland Friday, when Philadelphia was defeated 5 to 3.

The United States standing army nominally comprises 87,892 men. There are 20,000,000 men of military age in the country. In an election held in West Point Thursday the citizens of that city voted for and against retaining the municipal band. The vote stood 260 for and 80 against.

A report issued Friday by the census bureau based on additional canvass of oil mills shows 6,779,665 tons cottonseed crushed and 832,401 running bales lintsters produced from crop of 1914.

A special from Atlanta the past week says: "Having shot at the governor sixteen times and missed each time, Col. I. C. Wade a Union veteran, is to be made a member of Governor Harris' staff. The incident occurred 50 years ago when the Confederate and Union armies were fighting along the Potomac, Wade as a Yankee picket, trying unsuccessfully to bring down the governor, who was carrying important rebel dispatches. They are now fast friends."

A Vicksburg special says:—"The annual rifle practice at Camp Williamson this year will attract 1100 militiamen for practice. They will come in five squads for a weeks work. The first squad will begin practice August 16th. Preparations are now being made to move the men, the first squad of which will consist largely of Meridian, Columbus and Aberdeen companies. The practice will, as usual, necessitate the payment of the state guard, and there will be about \$20,000 paid out through the local banks to the visiting militiamen."

Vote for a man for governor.

## GERMANS AT GATES OF POLISH CAPITAL

Taking of Warsaw Is Now Believed to Be Imminent.

## FALL EXPECTED HOURLY

Teutons Now have Russian Troops in a Very Tight Place.

Geneva, Switzerland, July 31.—German aviators, returning to the lines from their flight over Warsaw, reported seeing Russians evacuating Warsaw and marching east, according to a message Saturday from Innesbruck to the Geneva Tribune.

London, July 30.—Warsaw, the third city of Russia and the goal for which the German armies have been striving since October, is at least in the throes of abandonment. Germans in overwhelming numbers are at the gates of the Polish capital and dispatches both from the city itself and from Petrograd say that further resistance would be unwise.

Discounted not only through France and Great Britain, but in Russia itself, the fall of the city is expected hourly, and the problem is now to move the Russian armies intact, threatened as they are from the south by the Austro-Germans and more seriously from the north, where the German forces are aiming at the railway from Warsaw to Petrograd. This latter menace, the British admit, is imminent, and the hope in the allied countries now is for the continued cohesion of the Russian army.

The Warsaw office already has been shifted to some point to the eastward, the populace has been warned to remain calm, and presumably for days Russian troops have been stripping the city of military value.

### \$5.00 Given Away.

Master Bubber Jones, of South Second street, of this city was the lucky winner of the \$5 cash prize given by Simon Loeb & Bro., the "Leaders," for the presentation of the best name for their No Name sale. The name selected by the three judges is "People's Profit Sale." Read the display ad. in this issue of this paper. Profit by Loeb's "Profit Sharing Sale."

Columbus people regret to lose Mr. W. N. Ehrdrize and interesting family, who moved to West Point last week. Mr. Ehrdrize is law agent for the M. & O. Railroad and it is much more convenient for him to live on the main line. On account of the close proximity to Columbus, we hope to have them with us often.

Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Duren and children will leave Tuesday for Biloxi and other coast towns, traveling in their automobile. They will be away from Columbus for about a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shapira, who motored to Helena, Ark., about ten days ago, have returned home. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Shapira, of Sumner.

Mr. P. W. Maer and family, Mr. Sid Street, Jr., and family, Mr. J. T. Searcy and family expect to leave this week for the coast to spend a fortnight.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Jack Cheatham Tuesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.